



# Village of Westchester

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## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Minutes June 9, 2025 – 6:30 PM Village Hall Board Room

**Village President**  
GREG HRIBAL

**Village Clerk**  
SOPHIA COLLINS

**Trustees**  
GIA MARIE BENLINE  
BRIAN CROSS  
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PETER MARZANO  
EVIE SLAVIC  
VICTORIA VANN

**Village Manager**  
BARRY KRUMSTOK

**Assistant Village Manager**  
JOHN SCHWARZ

**Village Attorney**  
MATTHEW WELCH

**Committee Members**  
BETHANNY ALEXANDER  
BILL ERNST  
JEANNIE HELGESEN  
JULIE JORDAN  
MAGDALENE LADAS  
ROSANN NICHOLSON  
ANDREW ROBACK

1. Call to Order
  - 6:36 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
  - **Present:** Commissioner Alexander, Acting Chairperson Ernst, Commissioner Helgesen, Commissioner Jordan, Commissioner Ladas, Commissioner Nicholson, Commissioner Roback
  - **Absent:** None
  - **Meeting Note:** Acting Chairperson Ernst called for a **motion to allow Commissioner Roback to participate via phone**
    - **Motion:** Commissioner Alexander
    - **Second:** Commissioner Ladas
      - **Ayes:** Commissioner Alexander, Commissioner Ernst, Commissioner Helgesen, Commissioner Jordan, Commissioner Ladas, Commissioner Nicholson
      - **Nays:** None
    - **Motion passes by (6–0) by roll call vote**
4. New Business
  - a. Motion to approve meeting minutes from the May 5, 2025 Meeting
    - Motion: Commissioner Helgesen
    - Second: Commissioner Ladas
      - **Ayes:** Commissioner Alexander, Acting Chairperson Ernst, Commissioner Helgesen, Commissioner Jordan, Commissioner Ladas, Commissioner Nicholson, Commissioner Roback
      - Nays: None
    - **Motion passes (7–0) by voice vote**
5. Old Business

- a. Selection of the two Grand Marshalls for the Fourth of July
  - Mary Gish and Richard Ciroca were confirmed as Grand Marshalls
- b. Parade as well as a “Court of Honour” (tabled from last meeting)
  - After some discussion about whether the Court would be recognized at the parade, it was determined in event subcommittee for Party in the Park (and potentially mentioned at the previous meeting) that recognition of all long-time residents would take place at Party in the Park as opposed to having them ride in cars at the parade.
  - Acting Chair Ernst asked if all the participants met the requirements. Administrative Services Coordinator Canavan mentioned that almost all interested parties have resided in Westchester for at least 50 years.
  - Trustee Liaison Slavic suggested that an announcement be made at the event for any residents that did not receive the invitation to come to the stage and be recognized, which was met with approval.
  - Commissioner Roback asked if, in the event of inclement weather, residents could receive a certificate. Commissioner Alexander confirmed that this had been discussed in subcommittee and was in the works.
  - Some discussion followed regarding which space would be used, with the general consensus being that some space near the main stage would be designated for this purpose.
- c. Event subcommittee updates
  - Commissioner Helgesen requested that Committee members interview some people they know for Voices of Westchester. Chairperson Roback added additional details about making recordings. He also mentioned that interviews should be conducted sometime before the end of the year.
  - Commissioner Alexander called for volunteers for Party in the Park and shared a list of events and activities.
  - Commissioner Helgesen requested that more advertising be done to generate interest in the project. Trustee Slavic requested more details. Commissioner Roback offered to create a graphic for advertising and an interview card so everyone will have a script for conducting short-form interviews.
  - Commissioner Ladas shared that arrangements for setting up the Wine and Cheese fundraiser have mostly been finalized. Patricia from the Prairie House said she would be available during the event to give tours and answer questions.
  - Commissioner Helgesen asked if the video can be sold as a fundraising item. Commissioner Alexander discussed crediting photos and that this is a possibility going forward, but did not have any further update at this time.
  - Commissioner Ladas asked how many people have signed up for the Wine and Cheese event, and Administrative Services Coordinator Canavan said that there were two sessions recommended by Patricia in order to have more than 50 persons (capacity of the building), but that no one had purchased tickets for the late afternoon session, so they had decided to cancel that session. Commissioner Helgesen asserted that this should not have been decided without consulting the Committee. Trustee Slavic

stated that this was about making more money at the event, but that she was not involved in the decision. Canavan stated that she was unaware that members of the Committee did not know about two separate sessions since it was advertised on the website, but nothing was purposely altered (the sessions decision was recommended by Patricia Reeves as the host). Further discussion of event minutiae continued.

6. Public Comments – *Respect for the duties of the Committee and for the democratic process will be adhered to – in this regard, civility and a sense of decorum will be strictly followed. All speakers must address their comments to the Committee. Comments that are personally condescending will not be permitted. Please state your name before commenting. To give as many visitors as possible an opportunity to speak and in the interest of adjourning the meeting at the designated time, all comments under Public Comments are limited to three (3) minutes and each speaker will only be permitted to speak once, unless further time is granted by the Committee.*

- No members of the public being present, the meeting continued.

## 7. Future Meetings

- a. Schedule upcoming meeting dates

- Monday, July 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Conference Room

## 8. Adjournment

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- **Motion:** Commissioner Helgesen
- **Second:** Commissioner Ladas
  - **Ayes:** Commissioner Alexander, Acting Chairperson Ernst, Commissioner Helgesen, Commissioner Jordan, Commissioner Ladas, Commissioner Nicholson, Commissioner Roback
  - **Nays:** None
- **Motion passes (7–0) by voice vote.** Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.